

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-13, 24-27, 34-35, and 37 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Song et al. (U.S. 6,710,837). All of the rejected claims have been cancelled without prejudice herein, rendering this rejection now moot.

New claims 38-51 have been added to more clearly recite several embodiments of the present invention. Support for new claims 38-51 can be found in at least Figs. 40-42 of the present Application, and their accompanying text, and many other embodiments throughout the Specification. Applicants submit that all of new claims 38-51 are patentable over at least the Song reference, as well as the other cited prior art references of record.

Specifically, Song fails to teach or suggest the embodiments featured in independent claims 38 and 42 of the present invention. Independent claim 38 features a substrate having at least one linear slit, and at least one boundary between the ends of the linear slit. Song does not teach any such boundary being formed in any of its linear slits. Independent claim 42, on the other hand, features a linearly arranged protrusion or slit having a length, width, and height, with a first boundary formed within the protrusion or slit, which first boundary has a width or height less than the width or height of the protrusion or slit adjacent the boundary. None of Song's protrusion patterns illustrate any such clearly defined boundary, or even a clearly defined width or height to the protrusions that would be adjacent to such a boundary.

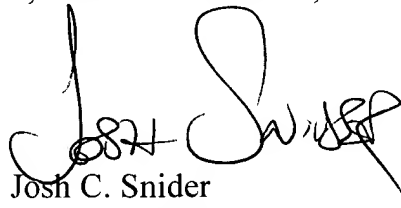
For all of the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that this Application, including at least claims 38-51, is in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned Attorney if an interview would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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